



# Accounting Administrator I (Specialist)

Class Code: 4552 – Exam Code: 6PB01

Departments: California Highway Patrol  
California Prison Industry Authority  
California State Lottery  
California Health Benefit Exchange  
Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation  
Department of Developmental Services  
Department of Fish & Wildlife  
Department of Forestry and Fire Protection  
Department of Public Health  
Department of Technology  
Department of Transportation  
Department of Business Oversight  
Department of Child Support  
Department of Consumer Affairs  
Department of General Services  
Department of Health Care Services  
Department of Industrial Relations  
Department of Justice  
Department of Social Services  
Department of State Hospitals  
Employment Development Department  
First 5 California  
Public Employees' Retirement System  
Public Utilities Commission  
State Compensation Insurance Fund  
State Controller's Office  
State Teachers' Retirement System  
State Water Resources Control Board

Opening Date: February 22, 2016  
Final Filing Date: Continuous  
Type of Examination: Multi-Departmental Open  
Salary: \$5,053.00 - \$6,598.00

## EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The State of California is an equal opportunity employer to all, regardless of age, ancestry, color, disability (mental and physical), exercising the right of family care and medical leave, gender, gender expression, gender identity, genetic information, marital status, medical condition, military or veteran status, national origin, political affiliation, race, religious creed, sex (includes pregnancy, childbirth, breastfeeding and related medical conditions), and sexual orientation.

## **DRUG-FREE STATEMENT**

It is an objective of the State of California to achieve a drug-free State work place. Any applicant for State employment will be expected to behave in accordance with this objective, because the use of illegal drugs is inconsistent with the law of the State, the rules governing civil service, and the special trust placed in public servants.

## **WHO SHOULD APPLY?**

Applicants who meet the Minimum Qualifications as stated on this bulletin may apply for and take this Training and Experience Evaluation at any time.

Once you have taken the Training and Experience Evaluation, you may not retake it for 9 months.

## **SPECIAL TESTING ARRANGEMENTS**

If you require special testing arrangements due to a verified disability, medical condition or religious accommodation, you will be able to request a reasonable accommodation during the exam filing process.

If you have any questions, please contact the:

California Department of Human Resources' Contact Center at 1-866-844-8671

OR

California Relay Service at 7-1-1

Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TTY) at (916) 654-6336\*

(\*) TTY is a telecommunications device that is reachable only from telephones equipped with a TTY device.

## **ELIGIBLE LIST INFORMATION**

An open, merged eligible list will be established by the California Department of Human Resources for use by the other State departments. The names of successful competitors will be merged onto the eligible list in order of final score regardless of test date. Eligibility expires 12 months after it is established. Competitors must then retake the Training and Experience Evaluation to reestablish eligibility.

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMITTANCE TO THE EXAMINATION**

**NOTE:** All applicants must meet the education and/or experience requirements as stated on this examination bulletin as of the date the test is taken.

## **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**

### **Either I**

One year of experience in the California state service performing the duties of a professional accounting class equivalent in level to Senior Accounting Officer (Supervisor), Senior Accounting Officer (Specialist), Associate Accounting Analyst, or Associate Administrative Analyst (Accounting Systems).

### **Or II**

**Experience:** Four years of increasingly responsible professional accounting or auditing experience. [Experience in the California state service applied toward this requirement must

include at least one year performing the duties of a class at a level of responsibility not less than that of Senior Accounting Officer (Supervisor) or (Specialist).] (Experience in the California state service may be applied toward the total experience requirement on a proportional basis.) **and**

**Education:** Either:

1. Equivalent to graduation from college, with specialization in accounting; **or**
2. Completion of the equivalent of 45 semester units given by a collegiate-grade residence or correspondence institution, of which 24 units must include courses in financial accounting, managerial accounting, intermediate/advanced accounting, fund/governmental accounting, cost accounting, auditing, business law, computer applications/management information systems. (Persons who will complete course work requirements during the current quarter or semester will be admitted to the examination, but they must produce evidence of successful completion of the curriculum and the prescribed courses before they may be considered eligible for appointment.)

### **POSITION DESCRIPTION**

This is the nonsupervisory level in the series. Positions at this level perform as staff specialists assisting the highest level administrator (in, at a minimum, a large-complex or very large-standard accounting office) with responsibility for the completion of highly complex fiscal activities having multifunctional and/or multi-geographical impact.

Incumbents at this level have no supervisory responsibility, but may serve as a lead to other professional accounting staff.

### **EXAMINATION INFORMATION**

#### **TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE EVALUATION – Weighted 100%**

The examination will consist solely of a Training and Experience Evaluation. To obtain a position on the eligible list, a minimum score of 70% must be received. An applicant will receive his/her score upon completion of the Training and Experience Evaluation process.

**To preview the Accounting Analyst Training and Experience Evaluation, select [Accounting Administrator I \(Specialist\) preview examination](#).**

### **KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES**

#### **Knowledge of:**

1. Accounting principles and procedures.
2. Governmental accounting and budgeting.
3. The Uniform Accounting System
4. Financial Organization and procedures of the State of California and related laws and regulations
5. Principles of business management
6. Office methods and procedures
7. Principles of public finance
8. Business law

#### **Ability to:**

1. Apply accounting principles and procedures
2. Analyze data and draw sound conclusions
3. Analyze situations accurately and adopt an effective course of action

4. Prepare clear, comprehensive, and concise reports
5. Make sound decisions and recommendations with regard to accounting problems
6. Maintain control of a departmental budget
7. Establish and maintain cooperative relations with those contacted in the work
8. Speak and write effectively

### VETERANS' PREFERENCE

Veterans' Preference will be granted for this examination. Effective January 1, 2014, in accordance with Government Codes 18973.1 and 18973.5, whenever any veteran, widow or widower of a veteran, or spouse of a 100 percent-disabled veteran achieves a passing score on an open examination, he or she shall be ranked in the top rank of the resulting eligibility list. This section shall not apply to any veteran who has been dishonorably discharged or released.

### VETERANS

Persons retired from the United States military or honorably discharged from active duty shall be eligible to compete in promotional examinations for which they meet the minimum qualifications as prescribed by the class specification. Persons receiving passing scores shall have their names placed on the promotional eligibility lists resulting from these examinations. In evaluating minimum qualifications, related military experience shall be considered State civil service experience in a class deemed comparable by CalHR, based on the duties and responsibilities assigned (Section 18991).

For cases in which promotional examinations are given by more than one department for the same classification, the veteran shall select one department for which to compete. Once this selection is made, it cannot be changed for the duration of the promotional list eligibility established from the examination in which the veteran participated. Employees may request a transfer of list eligibility between departments in the same manner as provided for civil service employees (Section 18991).

### CAREER CREDITS

Career Credits will not be applied to the final score of competitors who are successful in this examination.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions concerning this announcement, please contact:

The California Department of Human Resources Selection Division  
1515 S Street, North Building, Suite 400  
Sacramento, CA 95811-7258  
1-866-844-8671

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### GENERAL INFORMATION

**If you meet the requirements** stated on this examination bulletin, you may take this examination, which is competitive. Possession of the entrance requirements does not assure a place on the eligible list. Your performance in the examination described on this bulletin will be

rated against a predetermined job-related rating, and all candidates who pass will be ranked according to their scores.

**The California Department of Human Resources** reserves the right to revise the examination plan to better meet the needs of the service, should the circumstances under which this examination was planned change. Such revision will be in accordance with civil service laws and rules, and all competitors will be notified.

**Candidates needing special testing arrangements** due to a disability must mark the appropriate box on the application and contact the testing department.

**Hiring Interview Scope:** In a hiring interview, in addition to the scope described in this bulletin, the panel will consider education, experience, personal development, personal traits, and fitness. In appraising experience, more weight may be given to the breadth and recency of pertinent experience, and evidence of the candidate's ability to accept and fulfill increasing responsibilities than to the length of his/her experience. Evaluation of a candidate's personal development will include consideration of his/her recognition of his/her own training needs; his/her plans for self-development; and the progress he/she has made in his/her efforts toward self-development. For more information, you may refer to the [Accounting Administrator 1 \(Specialist\) Series classification specification](#).

**General Qualifications:** Candidates must possess essential personal qualifications including integrity, initiative, dependability, good judgment, the ability to work cooperatively with others, and a state of health consistent with the ability to perform the assigned duties of the class. A medical examination may be required. In open examinations, investigation may be made of employment records and personal history, and fingerprinting may be required.

**Eligible Lists:** Eligible lists established by competitive examination, regardless of date, must be used in the following order: 1) sub-divisional promotional, 2) departmental promotional, 3) multi-departmental promotional, 4) service-wide promotional, 5) departmental open, and 6) open. When there are two lists of the same kind, the older must be used first. Eligible lists will expire in one to four years unless otherwise stated on the bulletin.

**Veterans' Preference:** Effective January 1, 2014, in accordance with Government Codes 18973.1 and 18973.5, Veterans' Preference will be awarded as follows: 1) Any veteran, widow or widower of a veteran, or spouse of a 100 percent disabled veteran, who achieves a passing score in an entrance examination, shall be ranked in the top rank of the resulting eligibility list. Any veteran who has been dishonorably discharged or released is not eligible for Veterans' Preference. 2) An entrance examination is defined, under the law, as any open competitive examination. And 3) Veterans' Preference is not granted once a person achieves permanent civil service status.

Veteran status is verified by the California Department of Human Resources (CalHR). Directions to apply for Veterans' Preference are on the Veterans' Preference Application (Std. Form 1093), which is available at [CalHR's Veterans' Information webpage](#), and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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**SUGGESTED RESOURCES TO HAVE AVAILABLE**

**Employment History:** You will need: job titles, organization names and addresses, names and contact information of supervisors or persons who can verify your job responsibilities.

**Education:** School name and address, degree(s) earned, dates attended, courses taken (transcript verifiable), person or office who can verify education, and phone numbers of persons listed above.

**Training:** Class titles, certifications received, name(s) and contact information of a person who can verify your training.

#### **FILING INSTRUCTIONS**

\*Please remember to print a copy of your exam results for your records. It may take up to 5 days for eligibility records to appear in your Cal Career profile.

Select [Accounting Administrator I Specialist Training and Experience Evaluation](#) to access this online examination.